

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An The image generating method according to claim 5 for acquiring a plurality of frames of data from video data having a multitude of frames of data, the data representing tones of an image by means of a multitude of pixels, and synthesizing the plurality of frames of data to generate image data for representing by means of multitude of pixels the tones of an output image for an image output device, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) determining, on a basis of a total number of pixels in frame data and image quality setting data that can set image quality of the output image, a number of frames of data for acquisition from the video data, and acquiring the determined number of frames of data from the video data; and

(b) synthesizing the acquired number of frames of data and generating the image data,
wherein the image quality setting data is a coefficient multiplied by a ratio of the total number of pixels in the frame data to a total number of pixels in the image data₁ [[;]] and the step (a) calculates the value of the coefficient multiplied by the ratio, determines the number of frames of data for acquisition generally coinciding with the value, and acquires the determined number of the frames of data from the video data.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An The image generating method according to claim 6 for acquiring a plurality of frames of data from video data having a multitude of frames of data, the data representing tones of an image by means of a multitude of pixels, and synthesizing the plurality of frames of data to generate image data for representing by means of multitude of pixels the tones of an output image for an image output device, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) determining, on a basis of a total number of pixels in frame data and image quality setting data that can set image quality of the output image, a number of frames of data for acquisition from the video data, and acquiring the determined number of frames of data from the video data;

(b) synthesizing the acquired number of frames of data and generating the image data;

(c) acquiring, on a basis of the plurality of frames of data, deviation data representing deviation among images represented by the plurality of frames of data; and

(d) performing a conversion process wherein, on a basis of the acquired deviation data, at least one of the respective images represented by the plurality of frames of data is moved to convert at least one of the plurality of frames of data in order to reduce deviation among images,

wherein the step (b) synthesizes the plurality of frames of data subjected to the conversion process and generates the image data, and

wherein the image quality setting data is a coefficient multiplied by the ratio of the total number of pixels in the frame data to a total number of pixels in the image data, $[[;]]$ and the step (a) calculates the value of the coefficient multiplied by the ratio, determines the number of frames of data for acquisition generally coinciding with the value, and acquires the determined number of the frames of data from the video data.

Claims 9-24 (Canceled).